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REMARKS

The application is in condition for allowance except for the formal matters set forth in the Office Action. Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*.


In accordance with the reasons set forth in the Office Action, claims 10-17, 19, 33-37, 48 and 51-55 have been canceled. Claim 40 has been amended. Additionally, claims 2, 26 and 42 have been amended in the interest of clarity. Claims 1, 2, 4-9, 18, 20-27, 29-32, 38, 39, 41, 42, 45, 46 and 62-79 remain and have been allowed.

Applicants are appreciative of the Examiner's efforts throughout the examination of the application.

Any fee due in connection with this communication should be charged to Deposit Account No. 23-1703.

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